

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the present application. By this Amendment, independent claims 1, 5, 9 and 17 are amended. Support for amended claims can be found, for example, on paragraphs [0025] and [0026] of the specification. No new matter is added.

CLAIM REJECTIONS – 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cherrington et al. (hereinafter “Cherrington”), US Patent No. 6,070,155 in view of Melick et al. (hereinafter “Melick”), US Patent Publication No. 2001/0047283A1. The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Cherrington and Melick, individually or in combination, fail to disclose or suggest, *inter alias*, “the stored receipt inspection reporting data is assigned different categories of defect”, as recited in claims 1, 5, 9 and 17.

Cherrington discloses an integrated automated analysis system that employs a technician terminal 12 for displaying a plurality of inspection screens, and for entering inspection results. The technician terminal generates an inspection report after the inspection results have been input. More specifically, as described in column 8, lines 1-9, Cherrington discloses that the technician inputs the make, model and year of the vehicle being inspected prior to conducting the inspection, whereby an inspection program accesses a measurement/specification database 26, for example, in order to determine the configuration of braking equipment for the vehicle being inspected. As a result, the inspection program will only request measurements for a rotor or a brake drum as appropriate for the particular make, model and year of the vehicle on which the inspection is being conducted. That is, Cherrington teaches that

the result of the database is accessed by a predetermined input by the technician, rather than being assigned different categories of defect.

With respect to Melick, Applicants submit that Melick discloses a system and method for identifying, recording, storing and retrieving material handling equipment records and certifications at a centralized location (para [0045] of Melick). However, the data recorded in Melick is not assigned different categories of defect, but rather the detailed record information is inputted by the user without being assigned different categories.

Accordingly, Cherrington and Melick, individually or in combination, fail to disclose or suggest “the stored receipt inspection reporting data is assigned different categories of defect”, as recited in claims 1, 5, 9 and 17.

For at least these reasons, Applicants submit that Cherrington and Melick, individually or in combination, fail to disclose or render obvious the features recited in independent claims 1, 5, 9 and 17. Claims 2-4, 6-8, 10-16 and 18-20, which depend from the independent claims are likewise distinguished over the applied art for at least the reasons discussed above, as well as for the additional features they recite. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

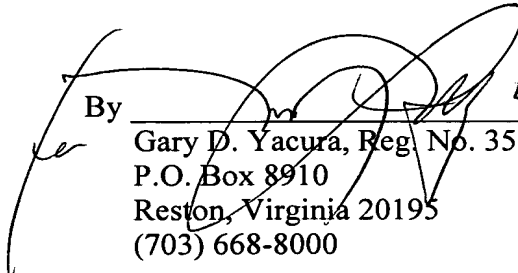
Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the objections and rejections and allowance of each of claims 1-20 in connection with the present application is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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